

## WT Energy Committee

Minutes

5.25.21

Approved 6/22/21

Present: Richard Andre, Nicola Blake, Sue Hruby, Rebekah Thomson, Kate Warner.

Guest: Kathy Logue

*(absent Ron Dagostino, Geoff Freeman)*

1. **Minutes** of 5/5/2021 approved.

2. **Discussion of presentation to Select Board—Presentation will be June 9, 4:30 +**

- ok to skip intro slides and just say them
- refer to priorities that we see for CLEAR grant
- have continuous regular meetings with Select Board: we are at an inflection point, need to get them on board
- Work on last slides. A little muddy. Maybe too many things on last slide?
- Start on a positive note: we were the first ones to pass the Resolution, we are in a position to lead, town always acting in a united way on this topic

**Next presentation will be about CLEAR report. Nicola will lay it out** based on Kate's outline and then we can all look at it and add to it.

3. **Library EV Charger** to be installed sometime this week. *(has now been installed!)*

- Okay if we don't get pricing correct right away
- Don't need to recoup installation costs that were not covered by the grant

4. **Home Rule Petition** information presented by Richard about requiring all new construction and major renovation to be all-electric

- Richard provided examples from Newton, Brookline, Lexington, Arlington
- Have VSEC pick up on this, build on success of the Resolution
- Goal is to have this on the Spring 2022 warrant
- State climate law does include a review of the building code

5. **Public Water Access**

- Nicola asked Jen Rand how sites get approved to be public water sources—process and expense.
- Buildings that have public water access: Town Hall, Library, West Tisbury School
- Not easy to turn a site into a public water source. Requires DEP approval.
- **Airport: confirm that townspeople can get water there in a prolonged power failure**

- May be better to work on having road associations work with their groups on who has generators and can provide water to neighbors in such times.

#### 6. Discussion of School

- Rebekah has prepared a list of who should be invited when Marc Rosenbaum gives his presentation.
- Kate talked to Lisa Sullivan and Margaret Song about a custom Green Communities technical assistance grant that can be applied for, max. \$25,000. Lisa will get back with information as to whether this might be a good fit for a school feasibility study.
- Seems best to hold off on Marc R presentation until both our presentations have been given to the Select Board. (to set the stage for a school focus first.)

#### 7. VTA and Town Hall Project

Kate to ask Angie Grant again when she will be ready to present a plan to the VTA/TH committee about proposed induction charging at this site.

8. Kathy brought up that **June 15th is currently the last day for Zoom meetings.** After that, public meetings are to be in person. *Legislature may allow for a continuation of them or, a hybrid model with committee members in person and audience being allowed to do Zoom. Not clear yet.*

**Meeting adjourned 9:30.**

**Next meeting is Tuesday June 15, 8:30 am**